GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:339
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ECONOMIC PACKAGE FOR J & K
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have offered another economic package for Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details of the economic package indicating the total aid offered alongwith the targets for employment generation and other areas of economic, social, and educational growth contemplated thereunder; and

(c) the response of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN THE ANSWER TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 33
FOR ANSWER ON 06.08.2002 REGARDING ECONOMIC PACKAGE FOR J&K

(a) & (b): The Prime Minister during his visit to Jammu & Kashmir on 23.5.2002 announced a comprehensive package of over Rs. 6000.00 crores covering various aspects of development and security with a thrust on generation of new employment opportunities for the youth of Jammu & Kashmir and the relief for migrants affected by militancy and cross-border shelling. The following are the main shcemes/projects covered in the package which are to be implemented by the concerned Central Ministries/Departments and the State Government of J&K:- Ministry of Railways

(i) The 287 Km. Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla rail line to be completed within five years.

(ii) Jammu Tawi-Jalandhar rail line to be doubled within next five years.

Border Roads Organization (Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

(i) Nimu Zangal-Padam-Darcha Road linking to Manali Sarchu Road to be completed over the next four years.

(ii) Construction and completion of Rohtang pass (8.90 km. long) to be completed in 8 1/2 years.

(iii) Commencement of work on construction of approach Road (24.82 Km.) to southern Portal of Rohtang Pass Tunnel.

(iv) Advancing the completion of Batote-Kistwar-Singthan Pass-Khannabal National Hinghway- IB to 31.12.2007 (as against earlier Completion Schedule of 31.12.2013).

Ministry of Textiles

Development of Traditional Cottage Industries like wool, Pashmina, handicrafts, sericulture & silk industries, Kani Jamawara Shawls etc.

Ministry of Commerce

Development of Agri-export Zones for apples & walnuts.

Ministry of Agriculture

(i) Eco Restoration of degraded Catchement of Chenab, Jhelum Shivaliks in J&K using participatory watershed approach in 5 years.

(ii) Technology mission on Horticulture for J&K which could be coordinated with the Agri-Export Zones for Apples & Walnuts being developed by the Ministry of Commerece.

Planning Commission

For Border Area Development Programme, Rs. 500 crore would be given over next five years. Half of this amount would be made available directly to District Rural Development Agencies with focus on economic/and infrastructure development programmes in the border/LoC areas and 15% of the funds would be allocated for roads in border/LoC areas.

Ministry of Home Affairs

Rasing of two India Reserve Battalions in two years, providing incentives for police personnel who are members of Special Operations Group (SOG), providing better training and weaponry to J&K Volunteer Force, increase in the ex-gratia to the next of kin of SPOs killed in action against terrorists, providing better weaponry to volunteer members of Village Defence Committees (VDCs), enhancement in some of the norms pertaining to relief for Border migrants and for Kashmiri migrants in J&K.

Prime Minister`s Office

Providing new tents & common civic amenities for Border migrants in J&K, upgrading police hospitals for treatment of police personnel wounded in terrorist attacks; establishment of a Rehabilitation Centre for Widows of Police personnel killed by terrorists; schools for orphans of police personnel killed by terrorists etc.

(c) No reaction has been received from the State Government of Jammu & Kashmir.